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Bloomfield, Feb., 7th. 1957.

Mr. C. Young,
Wellington,
Ontario.

Dear Mr. Young

My "Bull" record consists, mostly, of genealogical records of the family, after they settled in this county. But I will make a copy, of the introductory note, which prefaces the record.

" Josiah Bull, the ancestor of this branch of the family, having been a member of the Society of Friends, is, on that account, assumed, to have been descended from Henry Bull, sometime Governer of Rhode Island, who was a Friend or Quaker.

However plausable, the assumption of this relationship, it may not be amiss tomention that neither in the family of Governer Bull, nor that of Josiah, are there any positive data, by which to establish the accuracy of the inference.

It is, however, considered probable, by members of both families, that they belong to the same line: and much effort is being expended, in the search for historical records which will ultimately clear up the doubt.

The wife of Josiah Bull was a woman of Dutch extraction, named "- -----Tripp", who in harmony with the marvels of colonial tradition, was owner of no less than 200 acres of land, now occupied as the site of New York city.

The children of Josiah Bull and -----Tripp were as follows:—

Josiah -----Born 1738.
Mary ------- " 1740.
Joseph ------"1741
Sarah ----- - " 1743-----married a man named Bloodgood.
Benjamin ----- "1746
Robert ------- "1748.
George --------"1751.
Henry --------" 1752.
Ruth ---------"1753.

This family resided in Dutchess County, N.Y. not far from the present city of Poughkeepsie, and close to the Hudson river. During the War of Independence, two brothers were taken prisoner and sent to the city of New York, unknown to the rest of the family. The treatment of Quaker non-combatants was, in New England, no less severe, than that meted out to their co-religionists in Pennsylvania; as one of the Bull brothers died of violence and privation, while the other survived only long enough to be rescued by his relatives; but died soon after.

Of the above, Josiah's family settled in Hallowell, Prince Edward County. That of George (or his family), near Colborne.

(I might add just here, that at one time my daughter, Eleanor, boarded, in Oshawa, with a family named Bull. I think the man's name was George. Mrs. Bull was a Trumpour from Adolphustown. I have always had an idea they were descendended from George, the brother of Josiah. But since both have passed on there is no way of confirming the supposition.

There is --or was -- a Mrs. Bull, in Oshawa, an insurance agent.

Many years ago an elderly spinster used to visit my grandmother. She was almost, if not quite totally blind; and busied herself, making stocking-suspenders. As a child, I was much intrigued, watching her thread her needle with her tongue.

But to get back to the second Josiah :*--

Josiah married 1st. Mehetable Thomas, by whom he had 13 children. " 2nd. Mary Christy Kidney, (a widow)

To this union were born Three children.

Mary C.K. Bull and one daughter are buried in the Friend's Cemetery, East Bloomfield.

Josiah died in Dutchess County N.Y.

Mary and her three children, were brought to Canada by her brother, William Christy.

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* Note;- According to Nathaniel Niles Bull,who at one time liv
* ed Oneonta,N.Y.(I presume he is no longer living),
* says:-Josiah Bull,supposed to be of English,or Welsh,
ancestry,born probably in Rhode Island;setteled in
Dutchess County,N.Y.where he resided,and where he died
at an advanced age.He had a brother Jeremy or Jeremich
who as early as the French war,lived at a settlement
called,"Little Rest",about 15 miles east of Poughkeepsie.
Jeremy had children:- a son Jeremy,and a daughter Esther,
who married Henry Tibbits.
And Dr.Bowerman says,that during his childhood,he knew a
good deal of the descendants of both Jeremy and Esther.
Henry Bull,the ancestor,born in South Wales 1610;he was i
in Boston,1635;settled in Rhode Island,at Newport;joined
Friends; and was 2nd. Governer of the colony.

The preceeding material is copied from the History
of the Bull family in this County.

I hope you may be able to translate this and will
pardon the various mistakes and errors.Iam a veritable
novice in the art of typing;but find it easier and quicker,
than writing it out by hand.Practice may wear down some of
the rough edges.

Sincerely yours,

Ethel B. Crouch.

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